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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 5, 2006

Sir:

The Office Action mailed October 5, 2006, established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond.

Applicant submits that this Amendment and Response is timely filed, and respectfully requests entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

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